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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 1-13 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 11-12, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Iwase et al., U.S. 6,871,243, (Iwase).

Iwase is directed to an image processing system that acquires user information from a portable device and setting information from a server based on the user information to customize the settings for each user. For example, in the environment of a digital copying machine disclosed by Iwase, a customized user interface can be provided for each user.

Of interest in the application of Iwase against the present claims, the Office Action cites Column 21, lines 18-26 as disclosing "reset means for resetting only the printer section even if the scanner section is operating." Lines 18-26 of Column 21 relate to setting sections provided for each of a printer function, a scanner function, a FAX function, and a portable telephone function.

Specifically, lines 18-26 disclose that a print setting section 283 has a setting changing button 289 for specifying execution of print setting, a scan setting section 284 has a

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setting changing button 290 for specifying execution of a scan setting, a FAX setting section 285 has a transmission button 291 for specifying execution of a facsimile setting, and a portable telephone section 286 has a linking button 292 for specifying execution of setting of connection with a portable telephone..

Column 21, line 26 through Column 27, line 56 describe details of each of these setting sections and the functions performed when the setting buttons are pressed. In summary, characteristics or attributes for each of the print function, scan function, FAX function, and portable telephone can be customized, but there is no disclosure or even a suggestion that resetting the printer section resets only the print section even if the scan section is operating. Moreover, there is no suggestion that a reset means resets only the printer section and causes a task related to a printing operation and running on a real-time OS to exit a processing being performed during a printer section resetting, and cancels the printing operation without rebooting the real-time operation of the OS. Further, there is no suggestion of method steps of causing a task related to a printing operation and running on a real-time OS to exit a processing being performed during a printer section resetting, and canceling

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the printing operation without rebooting the real-time operation of the OS.

In general, Iwase neither discloses nor suggests that resetting of the print section resets only the print section. As noted in the present specification, a concern of the prior art has been that resetting the print section in a multifunction printer effectively causes resetting of other functions because the operating system of the multifunction printer is rebooted upon receipt of the reset command. The present invention solves this problem in a manner that is neither disclosed nor rendered obvious by Iwase, whether its teachings are taken alone or in combination with any other reference of record.


The Applicants note, with thanks, the allowability of the subject matter of Claims 4-10. Certain amendments have been made to some of these claims in order to improve their form, although it is not believed that the scope of the claims has been changed by these amendments, none of which have been made to avoid any known prior art.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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